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SUBJECT: PURCHASING ENTITIES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

REF: STATE 147535

1. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

A) THERE IS NO GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL BELOW THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN SINGAPORE. ALL PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES ARE NATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS.

B) PURCHASING AUTHORITY IN SINGAPORE IS DECENTRALIZED; I.E., THERE IS NO EQUIVALENT OF THE AMERICAN GSA. OUR LIST OF PURCHASING ENTITIES, THEREFORE, RUNS TO TEN TYPEWRITTEN PAGES.

C) ON MAJOR PURCHASES, THE FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN BY A TENDERS BOARD COMPOSED OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS. THESE BOARDS ARE AD HOC.

D) SINGAPORE'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR IS GEARED FOR EXPORT AND IN GENERAL DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO COMPETE WITH DC MANUFACTURES IN MAJOR PUBLIC TENDERS WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO U.S. FIRMS. THIS SITUATION MAY CHANGE IN THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS, HOWEVER, ESPECIALLY

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IN THE ELECTRONICS/COMMUNICATIONS AREAS.

2. THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES ARE OUR CHOICE AS GOOD PROSPECTS FOR A REQUEST LIST:

A) PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD - ELECTRICAL POWER, GAS AND WATER SERVICES.

B) TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

C) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

D) DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

E) PORT OF SINGAPORE AUTHORITY

F) COMPUTER SERVICES DEPT., MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

G) MINISTRY OF HEALTH (HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT).

3. ALL THE ABOVE BODIES ARE OR WILL SOON BE INVOLVED IN
MAJOR (BY SINGAPORE STANDARDS) PROJECTS IN THIS COUNTRY.
ALTHOUGH THE GOS DOES HAVE A POLICY OF FAVORING LOCAL SUPPLIERS
IN THE TENDERING PROCESS, WE CANNOT RECALL A CASE WHERE THIS
FACTOR WAS IMPORTANT IN A PROJECT OF INTEREST TO NON-
RESIDENT U.S. FIRMS. (U.S. SUBSIDIARIES MANUFACTURING HERE
COULD BENEFIT FROM THIS PREFERENCE.)
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